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Office of Legislative Counsel

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Mr. Thomas K. Latimer, Staff Director Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Tom:

I have your letter of 6 February 1978 concerning the transmittal of classified information to the office of Representative Rose. The delivery of this material to Mr. Rose's personal office rather than to your Committee was a mistake. Mr. Rose's action in placing this material in your hands and your quick advice to me of what had transpired is very much appreciated. Action has been taken to assure such a mistake does not occur again.

We are very conscious of the procedures established by the Committee to insure that all classified material is handled in a secure fashion and it is our policy to transmit to the Committee any classified material which we wish to provide to Committee members.

Sincerely,
Acting Legislative Counsel

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Due to the security procedures approved by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and due to a briefing on security procedures given to the Members' personal staffs by the staff of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, these materials have been retrieved and put into the secure document handling process of this Committee. As you know, from its inception, the Committee and the Committee staff have attempted to ensure that all classified material is handled in a secure fashion. It had been our understanding that any classified material which the CIA wishes to provide the Members would be sent to the Committee Registry. We, in turn, will make the information available to the Member(s) in a secure environment. Please confirm that this procedure meets with your approval.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Latimer Staff Director